Exploration of minerals entrusted to private parties

*174. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exploration of some minerals has been entrusted to the private parties;

(b) if so, what are the minerals whose exploration has been entrusted to the private parties;

(c) the names of the parties to whom it has been entrusted; and

(d) what are the details of those contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHANLAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) Exploration for major and scheduled minerals are carried out by Central and State Government agencies. Private agencies carry out exploration for minor and industrial minerals with the State Government's permission in a limited way and these are mostly confined to their leaseholds. Private agencies also carry out exploration in some cases for minor minerals like clay, sand, building stone etc.

Entry of multinational companies to start the manufacture of food and othor drinks

*175. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently allowed some multinational companies to start the manufacture of food and other drinks in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Some Indian companies have been permitted foreign collaboration in the field of processed foods. A list of foreign collaboration approvals recently given together with the details thereof are given at statement I. A list of MRTP companies which have been accorded exemption/approval under MRTP Act along with the details is given at Statement II.

Statement I

Sl. No.	Name of Indian Firm	Name of the foreign collaborator	Type of Product	Foreign Investment/ Equity
1	D.C. Food Ltd.	Kentaur, AG, Switzerland.	Processed Food	Rs. 22 lakhs
2	Asia Aahar Ltd.	Nestec Ltd.	Extruded Food	Rs. 100 lakhs
3	Punjab Agro Industries Corpn.	Pepsico Inc. U.S.A.	Processed potato/grain foods, soft drink concnrtrates and processed fruits/vegetable products.	Rs. 3·59 crores
4	Ushta-Te Biotech Industry Ltd.	Starcosa Gmbh West Germany	Dextrose Monohydrate & Dextrose Anhydrous	..
5	Sunsip Ltd.	Swedish Match AB	Processed canned & bottled fruits & vegetables.	Rs. 66·67 lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of Indian Firm	Name of the foreign collaborator	Type of Product	Foreign Investment/ Equity
6	Clean Foods Corp. Ltd.	Swedish Match AB	Canned fruits, canned vegetables	Rs. 46.17 lakhs
7	SPI Beverages (P) Ltd.	BAF-AG AG, West Germany	Malt beverages, fruit juices	Rs. 2.55 crores
8	Zuari Agro Chem. Ltd.	Pilbsury Co. USA	Canned mutton mushroom & other vegetables	Rs. 4.98 crores
9	Goetze (I) Ltd.	Yet to be identified	Fruit jucies & beverages & processed fruits & vegetables etc.	..
10	Room Maritime Cochin	Nana Shipping Co., Greece	Marine products	Rs. 8.00 lakhs
11	Atchya Marine Ltd. Cuddalore	Golden Eagle Resources Pvt. Ltd., Australia	Marine products	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
12	East Coast Mateya Udyog Ltd. Bhubaneswar	Golden Eagle Resources Pvt. Ltd., Australia	Marine products	Rs. 50.00 lakhs
13	Cholamandal Marine Ancillaries (P) Ltd., Madras	Paragon Pacific Trading Co. USA	Marine products	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
14	Goetze (India)	Nanz KG West Germany	Meat and Poultry Products	Rs. 65.00 lakhs

Statement II

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Item of manufacture	Date of approval/ exemption granted
1	Lipton India Ltd.	Fruit products 6000 TPA	Exempted on 22-7-1988
2	Goetze (India) Ltd.	To undertake the business of food processing, namely processed cereal products, fruit juices/beverages, fruits and vegetable products and processed marine products with an annual capacity of 10000 MTs.	Approved on 29-5-1989
3	VXL India Ltd.	Soya food products (i) Soya flour 80000 TPA (ii) Soya textures proteins, Soya Proteins Conc. Isolate, blends and Lecithin 3000 TPA. (iii) Soya Milk and Milk beverages 30000 KL (iv) Extruded Soya Foods 5000 TPA.	Exempted on 6-6-1989